etc. to accord priority to bestow the benefits to the SSI industry like the border districts of Jammu and Kashmir ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : No, Sir. The schemes meant for the promotion of Small Scale Industries are applicable all over the country and are not area specific.

Hiring of American Satellite by Andhra Pradesh Government

3062. DR. Y. LAKSHMl PRASAD ; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has been permitted to hire an American satellite to check on illegal activities ; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to ensure that national secrets of strategic importance are not pictured by that satellite ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) No, Sir. Government of Andhra Pradesh have informed that they have not hired any American Satellite for any purpose. However, Government of Andhra Pradesh have planned for obtaining high-resolution images from a conunercial American satellite to support hazard mitigation studies.

(b) Recognizing that imaging by any satellite cannot be controlled, the government has a policy for regulating remote sensing data in the country to protect national interests.

Interest accrued on Funds provided under MPLADS

†3063. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the interest accrued on the grants provided under the Member of ParUament Local Area Development Scheme is also used for the development plan;

(b) if so, the State-wise total amount of such interest with Government till date and the manner in which such amount was spent;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.